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FOR EUR/EE CHRISTENSEN

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SUBJ: INVITATION TO ROMANIAN TRANSPORTATION MINISTER

TRAIAN DUDAS

REF: CHRISTENSEN TO SCISSORS LETTER, APRIL 1

1. IN CONTRAST TO SIGNALS YOU ARE GETTING FROM BOB PIEPER,
WE WERE TOLD MAY 22 BY BERNARD RAMUNDO OF DOT THAT SECRETARY
COLEMAN CONCENTRATING ON DOMESTIC MATTERS AND RELUCTANT
TO HONOR ALL INVITATIONS EXTENDED BY SECRETARY BRINEGAR.
VALIDITY OF INVITATION TO DUDAS THEREFORE SEEMS IN DOUBT.

2. ROMANIANS REMAIN KEENLY INTERESTED IN DUDAS TRIP TO US,
BOTH AS RECIPROCITY FOR BRINGAR VISIT AND AS FOLLOW-UP TO
1973 US VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THEN TRANSPORTATION
MINISTER EMIL ORAGANESCU. DRAGANESCU TRIP WAS SEEN AS GREAT
SUCCESS BY ROMANIANS AND WILL BE VIEWED AS MODEL FOR DUDAS
VISIT. ALTHOUGH DUDAS DOES NOT HAVE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER RANK.
ROMANIANS LAID OUT RED CARPET FOR BRINEGAR, WINDING UP VISIT
WITH LAST-MINUTE CALL ON CEUSESCU, AND WOULD BE GREATLY
DISAPPOINTED IF DUDAS INVITATION WERE ALLOWED TO LAPSE.

3. ACCORDING TO RAMUNDO, AMBASSADOR BOGDAN IS TO CALL ON
SECRETARY COLEMAN IN ABOUT A WEEK AND WILL RAISE QUESTION OF
INVITATION TO DUDAS. YOU MAY WISH TO PREPARE GROUND FOR
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FAVORABLE RESPONSE BY CONTACTING DOT IN INTERIM. RAMUNDO

SUGGESTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) ROBERT
BINDER OR STAFF ASSISTANT CMDR. TED LELAND MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE
READING WHETHER DIRECT APPROACH TO SECRETARY COLEMAN REQUIRED.
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